

DESCRIPTION OF ASSIGNMENT:

Locate and annotate 5 Web 2.0 tools/sites and 5 online articles that discuss technology and literacy integration. After finalizing your selections write a brief paper (2 to 3 pages max.) describing these. Upon completion, post sites and brief critiques to <http://www.stixy.com/>.

PURPOSE OF ASSIGNMENT:

Through completion of this assignment you should have a clearer picture of technology integration, Web 2.0 tools, and suitable methodologies for classroom implementation which will help you to make informed decisions in meeting the needs of 21st century learners. You will also gain practice summarizing and evaluating validity and importance of online resources.

PROCESS:

There are two basic parts of this assignment: a written paper and an online posting forum. Below are specific components you are to cover:

- Search online for Web 2.0 resources. Choose 5 to critique. Note: they must reflect the following topics:
 - Web 2.0 tool for writing (think online journaling or blogging)
 - Videos
 - Podcasts
 - 2 additional topics of your choice
- Search for online articles that relate to technology and literacy integration at various grade levels. Choose 5 to critique.
- Create an account with Stixy, an online sticky notes site at <http://www.stixy.com/>.
- Follow directions found on the Stixy homepage for building your wall.
 - Choose a background, title, etc.
 - Add one sticky note for each of the 10 resources you located.
 - Include in each sticky note 3+ sentences describing the Web 2.0 resource or article. Be sure to list what topic, from the list above, the Web 2.0 resource targets.
 - After describing the resource or article, paste the URL into the link area.
 - Edit your sticky notes for grammar errors and mechanics before posting them.
 - Create a page in your Wiki titled Stixy; provide the link for the Stixy assignment and upload the paper to this page. Consider embedding the Stixy.
- Write a 2 to 3 page paper critiquing the Web 2.0 resources and articles addressing the following:
 - Strengths/drawbacks, classroom application ideas, something new you discovered, etc.
 - Include a webliography citation page (include links to the Web 2.0 tools homepages and citations for the online articles, detailing the date you retrieved or read the article)
 - Submit paper via the wiki page

RESOURCES:

Classroom notes and discussions, <http://www.stixy.com/>, Dr. Comer's example found at <http://www.stixy.com/guest/88989>

LOGISTICS:

Due date: Posted on the assignment page in the course wiki

Percentage of course grade and points possible: 20% of total course grade; 100 points possible

Format/Citations: APA

Reminder about Sources: 10 reputable online resources (resources are reputable if you can defend their inclusion)